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## Rumors Of Parental Complaints Were Just Rumors

## School Board Chips Away At The Budget

By Judith Epstein

The School Committee this week voted 5-1 to cut a \$1,500 appropriation for a new mini-computer in the Math Department's portion of the proposed zero budget. Otherwise there was no action on the budget.

There were rumors in the days preceding the meeting that a teacher-parent turnout would be heavy for the continuing budget discussions, and, in

fact, at one point there were 30 people in attendance. However, when the budget's turn on the agenda came up and when two votes stalemated over the manner in which to address the budget, the crowd dwindled.

Committee member Jack Langmaid stated that backup sheets detailing the departmental spending at the Jr./Sr. High School were necessary for proper scrutiny of the budget. This point, which Langmaid moved as a

requirement, resulted in a stalemated vote which initially thwarted the Committee's ability to proceed with consideration of the budget.

A second stalemated voted on whether to address the Jr./Sr. High School portion of the budget, angered Chairman Doris Golden. "Now we're just playing games, we're acting like children," she said. She suggested that since the Committee didn't care to discuss the budget, they should go

home and "grow up."

A philosophical disagreement between Langmaid and Supt. John Maloney ensued when Langmaid suggested that the Math Department could survive without a new mini-computer and other video equipment. Maloney countered with the argument that students shouldn't be deprived of the technology available to them through the use of video equipment.

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## Cohasset Craftsmen

ARTS AND CRAFTS also are a part of the school scene. Brian Bonnar puts the finishing touches on bird feeder in Junior High wood-working shop. Gino Froio, center, works on mosaic design in art class at the High School. And Kathy Branagan irons a piece of dyed material in Junior High Art Class. (Derr photos)

## 'A Dream Come True'

## The Aaron River Reservoir Is Brimming

The Aaron River reservoir is brimming.

Edwin Pratt, Superintendent of the Water Department, looked out over the man-made lake which is the culmination of the construction of an impervious earth dam, a natural watershed draining approximately eight square miles and a control structure restraining water flow into Scituate.

"This is a 12 year dream come true," Pratt said of the reservoir built to augment Cohasset's water supply.

Bound Brook, one of the waterways which feeds Lilly Ponds from the reservoir, looks like a glassy road leading between the trees. Water feeds freely downstream into the town's main water supply at Lilly Pond from the reservoir which has become fully functional this week.

The fortunate and timely heavy rainfall of the past month — 8 1/4 inches, according to Pratt — has filled the basin in under three weeks. The under-drain or water bypass that was employed by workers to keep the site dry while construction was underway was closed Dec. 19. That the reservoir filled so soon is unbelievable, Pratt said.

For Cohasset residents who have been plagued for years with summer water bans and insufficient water supply,

the reservoir is indeed a beautiful vision. The 325 million gallons of water now in sparkling ice-blue panoramic abundance, covering 155 acres nestled among the trees of Wampatuck State Park, will insure a supply of three million gallons of water per day after processing at the new treatment plant.

The achievements of over a decade's labor, appropriations and cooperative management have finally come to fruition in the fulfilled promise of a more-than-adequate water supply. There is enough water, in fact, to serve the community until Cohasset's maximum population growth, with perhaps some left

over to sell to neighboring towns.

These accomplishments have, however, been juxtaposed with an antiquated distributing system. The results have been complaints from residents about discoloration and lack of water pressure, factors which Pratt feels unduly maligns

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## Health Service, League Forte

By Joanne Young

The Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc. is our community health service, a voluntary, non-profit organization which offers skilled nursing through Linda Sharpe and other therapeutic services and confidential counselling by social worker Carolyn Housman.

The distinctive purple house on 83 South Main St., offers a well child clinic for ages 2 weeks to 6 years, a keep well program for senior citizens, a shuttle bus and

meals on wheels. Cohasset doctors and professionally qualified local residents serve on the advisory board.

### THE HISTORY

The Social Service League was founded in 1911 and the minutes of the first meeting read:

"A meeting of the ladies of Cohasset interested in forming a Society for Charitable purposes was held in the Lower Town Hall. Miss Alice Arthur was chosen Temporary Chairman. After a few words explaining the reason for the

meeting she called for a nominating committee. This nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Bessie Tower, Mrs. Burt Bristol, Mrs. Russell Tower, Mrs. Frederick Pratt and Miss Edith M. Bates. The following officers were elected. Mrs. Oliver Howe, Pres. Mrs. Evan Wentworth, Vice Pres. Mrs. Howard Bartow, Sect'y. Miss Sarah Fox, Treas. Mrs. Howe took the Chair and explained some of the work it hoped to accomplish. It

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